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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager *SM*

Subject: City Response to Contact Card Report Conducted by Third Party

On Monday, June 8, staff from the City Manager's Office, Cincinnati Police Department (CPD), Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) and a Mayor's Office staffer met with representatives from Campaign Zero and the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office to view a presentation summarizing their review of more than 15 years' worth of contact card data.

Contact cards were born from the Collaborative Agreement and are used by CPD to record interactions with community members as a result of traffic or pedestrian stops or investigative stops.

While the City was not consulted during the review of data or report creation, we are working collaboratively with Campaign Zero to provide context from other data sets not included in their work.

The City has a long-standing commitment to data and transparency. We also have a responsibility to scrutinize the methodology used to analyze the data to ensure that its conclusions are not incomplete or overly simplistic when attempting to answer serious questions that all cities face.

This Administration supports the work CPD has done over the last several months under the leadership of Interim Chief Adam Hennie to respond to the needs and voices of our community. We rely on our officers to keep our City safe, and I want to thank them for working so hard, particularly as we enter summer months.

The City will continue to review the report, its methodology, and findings. Separately, I have identified next steps for my staff to ensure accuracy and accountability are at the heart of operational decisions.

Next Steps

The City takes seriously any allegations of bias in any department, service delivery or interaction with the public. As such, I have outlined two workstreams to (1) better understand the full scope of what our data tells us and (2) utilize problem-solving to bring community to the table.

I have directed Assistant City Manager John Brazina to lead the selection of an external expert in the field who is qualified to conduct their own review of CPD data. The City will work collaboratively with this entity to ensure they have the needed information to provide a thorough, fair and full picture of policing in Cincinnati.

Additionally, I have instructed CCA Director John Kennedy to lead a problem-solving project to engage community members and identify potential opportunities for improvement.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Collaborative Agreement, a landmark commitment by this City and its police department to do things differently, with community and accountability. We remain committed to its core values and will move forward with intentionality and transparency.

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